

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Heath et al  
Serial No.: 09/361,829  
Filed: July 27, 1999  
Title: COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION METHOD  
AND APPARATUS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

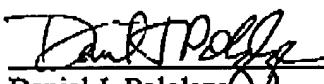
**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the non-final office action mailed May 16, 2002, said period of response being extended from August 16, 2002 to September 16, 2002.

Please charge our Deposit Account 501373 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the required extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

Respectfully submitted,

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